



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Institute of Standards and Technology**

#### **Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Generic Clearance for Usability**

##### **Data Collections**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before [Insert date 60 days after date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:jjessup@doc.gov) )

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Darla Yonder, Management Analyst, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 1710, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1710, telephone 301-975-4064, or via email to [darla.yonder@nist.gov](mailto:darla.yonder@nist.gov)

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **I. Abstract**

This is a request to extend the approval of this currently approved information collection.

In accordance with the Executive Order 12862, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), a non-regulatory agency of the Department of Commerce, proposes to conduct a number of data collection efforts – both quantitative and qualitative. The data collections will be designed to determine requirement and evaluate the usability and utility of NIST research for measurement and standardization work. These data collections efforts may include, but may not be limited to electronic methodologies, empirical studies, video and audio collections, interviews, and questionnaires. For example, data collection efforts may include the evaluation of the Electronic Health Records (HER) for use by the medical community. NIST will limit its inquiries to data collections that solicit strictly voluntary opinions or responses and will not collect information that is required or regulated. The results of the data collected will be used to guide NIST research. Steps will be taken to ensure anonymity of respondents in each activity covered under this request.

### **II. Method of Collection**

NIST will collect this information by electronic means when possible, as well as by mail, fax, telephone and person-to-person interviews.

### **III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-0043.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection.)

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, State, local or tribal government, Federal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 8,500.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* Varied, dependent upon the data collection method used. The possible response time to complete a questionnaire may be 15 minutes or 2 hours to participate in an empirical study.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 5,000.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

### **IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection

techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

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